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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

FRANCE.

London, March 20th.

Senator Boulanger has been appointed to the newly created post of Colonial Minister.

PARLIAMENT.

The Times states that it is regarded as certain in the best informed Radical circles that Parliament will be dissolved in July.

THE NAVY ESTIMATES.

Discussions have arisen in the House of Commons over the Navy Estimates. Sir Wm. Harcourt stated that the supremacy of the Navy is the greatest element of peace, and that once attained would enable Great Britain to hold aloof from European combinations.

OBITUARY.

Louis Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, who was born at Buda Pesth in 1802.

THE PROPOSED BRITISH DOLLAR.

A telegram was received from Singapore this afternoon, stating that the Singapore Chamber of Commerce, at a general meeting to-day, decided (by 17 votes to 5) in favour of concerted action with the Hongkong Chamber to support the proposal for the coinage of a British dollar.

Purchasers of Mexican dollars were disappointed yesterday in the London market, as none were offered for sale. The same state of affairs existed in America. In Shanghai the dollar advanced from 11s. 7d. per 100 (on March 9th) to 11s. 7d. 1/2 (on 15th), or a rise of one and seven-tenths per cent.

FOOCHOW RACES.

(Special to the Hongkong Telegraph.)

The following are the results of yesterday's racing:

THE PAOCHOW CUP; value \$100; second pony to receive \$15; for all *bona fide* griffins at the date of entry, and ponies first raced in Fochow or Amoy as griffins; weights as per scale; winners at this meeting 10 lbs. extra, of two or more races 12 lbs. extra; entrance \$5. Seven furlongs.

Booby 1
Santa Cruz 2
Roulette 3
Time 2 mins.

THE CONSOLATION CUP; value \$100 with \$25 added for the second pony; for all *bona fide* beaten ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race; weights as per scale; entrance \$5. One mile.

Autocrat 1
Congo 2
Flashlight 3
Time 2 mins. 13 sec.

THE CHAMPION STAKES; of \$10 each with \$50 added; a forced entry and open only to winners at this meeting, optional for the winner of the Hack Saddle and Consolation Cup; winners of two races \$15 extra and of more than two races \$25 extra; weights as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Autocrat 1
Woodman 2
Ernie 3
Time 1 min. 39 sec.

THE WALKER PLATE; value \$100; for all China ponies; catch weights over 11 stone 7 lbs. Non-winners at this meeting allowed 7 lbs. entrance \$5. Three quarters of a mile.

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THE new Bombay-Japan liner *Asamor*, Capt. P. Gibson, R.N.R., arrived here to-day en route to Kobe with a good general cargo, chiefly cotton yarn.

THE shark is said to manifest a distinct choice for people of certain races, and will eat an Asiatic in preference to a negro and a European rather than either.

By a slip of the pen in a paragraph which appeared in yesterday's *Telegraph*, "Imperial Chinese University" was written instead of "Imperial Japanese University."

SHE (inquiringly)—"Married yet?" He (blithely)—"No." She (bitingly)—"How surprising!" He (nervously)—"Engaged yet?" She (delightedly)—"Yes." He (revengefully)—"How surprising!"

By the kind permission of Lieut. Col. Barrow and Officers, the Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play on Monday afternoon, 26th inst., at the Hongkong Rifle Association's Easter meeting.

THERE is an old Gaelic proverb full of force: "Choose a good mother's daughter, though her father were the devil." And another, quite as good: "Choose your wife as you wish your children to be."

THE Scottish Oriental Co.'s *Para Chula Chom Kiao*, which arrived here from Bangkok to-day, passed the British 4-masted barge *Alphonsine* at the 16th inst. from Hongkong to Bangkok, 5 miles west of Palo Obi.

THE *Siam Observer* learns that serious faction fights between the coolies employed on the railway have occurred at Pak-prio and other places, and many have been wounded. A number of houses were also burnt down.

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THE Hongkong Polo Club's Sky Meeting is fixed for Saturday, the 7th proximo. Entries to be sent to Mr. F. H. May, at the Hongkong Club, close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 31st instant.

PROFESSOR KOCH will shortly publish a comprehensive work on the improved method of using tuberculin and the diagnostic properties of tuberculin for the recognition of tuberculous in its first stages.

WE understand that by special instructions from Peking, no more foreigners will be engaged for the outdoor staff of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs. It is intended, we believe, to recruit this branch from Chinese subjects.

THE better the day the better the deed! From to-morrow onwards the shareholders in G. O. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., are to ignore Jos-jigdig, hot cross buns and all religious fast and feast days, and as a start off on the new lines mapped out for them they will hold their fifth ordinary general meeting in the Hongkong Hotel at noon to-morrow, Good Friday.

THERE is a tombstone in the north of England which bears the following epitaph—
Sacred to the memory of
The Rev.
Who, after twenty years' unrelenting labor as a missionary, was accidentally
shot by his Kikwar.
"Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

AN old story is going the rounds again of a celebrated Indian potentate who took an English peer, who was staying with him, out shooting. The peer shot very badly, and the Eastern prince was sorely puzzled to combine Oriental compliment with empty game-bags. At last, with a low bow, he said "Your Excellency shot splendidly, but God was very merciful to the little birds!"

WHAT is this disease that is rapidly coming on us—a sirocco from the deserts of Arabia, or a water famine or both? For some weeks the Water Authority has had the colony on short commons and now it is notified that "on and after the 24th instant, until further notice, the water will be turned on each day between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. only." Let up pray—for rain.

THE slowness of Parliamentary action is amusingly illustrated by a story that is told in a home paper of Father Healy, a well-known parish priest in Ireland. The other week an ardent politician asked his reverence—"What d'ye think now, Mr. Tim Healy will be in the Irish Parliament—Lord Chancellor, Attorney-General, or what?" "Shure," replied the father, "he will be a very old man."

THE second meeting of residents interested in the establishment of a grant-in-aid school at Kowloon was held at the Kowloon Hotel yesterday evening. The proceedings were of a semi-private nature, but the Chairman vouchsafed the information that Messrs. D. Gillies, H. J. Holmes, G. Wilson, G. J. B. Sayer, A. C. Allen, and H. S. Cooke (Hon. Sec.) had now consented to act as a provisional committee.

A PROCESS has been invented and is in use at the Mint in Birmingham for washing smoke. The smoke is pressed out of the chimney into a tank of water, where it is literally washed and then allowed to escape through the chimney. The smoke comes out of its bath as clean, white steam, the carbon which is washed from the smoke sinks to the bottom of the tank and is used in the manufacture of ink and paint, while the wash water is a valuable disinfectant.

A COOIE was loitering about Kennedy Road in a very suspicious manner on the 17th inst., and attracted the attention of a petty officer from H.M.S. *Porpoise*. The cooie sneaked up behind a Portuguese girl, but bolted on noticing that he was being watched. He was captured and brought before the Magistrate to-day, when, being unable to find security for good behaviour, he was sent to goal for six months. No doubt he is one of the men who have lately made Kennedy Road positively dangerous.

A FRENCH physician who has been for some time engaged on a study of marriage statistics in order to ascertain what professions and callings carried on by men are most acceptable to women, has arrived at the conclusion that actors, who have 99 chances in 100, head the list—actors who are comedians, that is; for tragedy is low down, its exponents standing but 20 chances in 100. The military profession is a good second, while, at least, those who romance is not dead. Artists do very well; literary men, especially dramatists and novelists, are rather in the shade, and as for bankers, we learn to our surprise the chances of success are rated at a per cent. But surely these must be bankers with very small balances!

LOCAL news appears to have followed in the footsteps of the now absolutely extinct Mos, for it is positively non-exist—no even a tea, I.O.G.T., or Piquette meeting to report. Of course this sort of thing won't last long; it is probably merely the calm which usually precedes a storm.

While the boom business connected with the *Hongkong Pilot Fish Trawl*, the *San-yang* experiments in the noble art of guerrilla warfare and finally *Rob Roy* *à la mode*! Little wonder, then, that after such a plethora of exciting events a merciful Providence has intervened to cause a much needed respite. But for this we should have felt bound to send our O.G.s to the biggest Jos-jigdig to town to-morrow to join in the response "Give peace in our time, Good Lord."

COMPARATIVELY few people, says a writer in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, know what a large amount of water the human body consists of. A man weighing 200 pounds is made up of 120 pounds of water and 80 pounds of solids. The latter includes bone, muscle, etc. Even the fat of the body contains 15 per cent of water; the liver is made up of 65 per cent, and the blood of 85. The skin contains 72 per cent, the brain 75, and muscle 75. It may be naturally supposed that a fluid so universally distributed throughout the body must constitute a very important article of its existence. Recent experiments have shown that on water alone life may be sustained as long as fifty-five days, whereas if dry food only were given, death would ensue in a quarter of that time, and this in a most agonizing way. The terrible agony that shipwrecked mariners sometimes suffer to this day will induce them to drink sea water, and this adds a hundredfold to the unendurable thirst that induces delirium and death. With regard to drinking water, the purest is that which comes from deep springs or deep wells, where the access of surface water is guarded against, or from lakes at high altitudes. These waters, as a rule, are very palatable. The most dangerous waters to drink are those that are stored in the form of rain water, or surface water, running over cultivated lands, as these absorb all the impurities that they come in contact with. River water is always dangerous, as it invariably becomes contaminated with sewage. Water from shallow wells absorbs surface drainage and may be always considered as unwholesome for drinking purposes.

A CHINESE blacksmith was caught by Inspector Bremner trying to hang himself from a tree on Morrison Hill yesterday evening. The man was brought before Mr. W. W. House, police magistrate, to-day, and pleaded that he was very poor, and wanted to go back to his native place in Kwang-tung; failing that, he wanted to go to heaven. His Worship made an order to put the man's passage out of the poor-box, but did not specify in which direction.

A YOUNG physician of this city, says the *New York Herald*, is engaged to a very estimable young

more like a soprano solo—and wisely so too) was the sweetest music during the whole evening. For the rest, the programme did well to say "the following songs and choruses will be given," for they were not sung. Besides being atrociously murdered, much of the so-called music was what the Chief Justice would call "totally irrelevant"—and it should not have been admitted. Miss Triggs' Highland Fling was one of the features of the performance and elicited great applause. The dancing was equally wide of the point; the hero himself was all right, in correct and with proper weapons, but some of the Clan MacGregor turned out in dark green tartan, and one in a big tarponia—apparently meant for the Clan Macintosh.

After the play, Mrs. J. F. Brian and Miss Belle Brian came on to "sing a duet," according to the programme; but without wishing to hurt anybody's feelings we would say to express our high appreciation of the modesty they have previously displayed in letting others sing. Mr. D. C. Smith in his comic songs, and Miss Tassell in her clever and graceful trapeze act, fully deserved the applause accorded them. Miss Marie Brian, by special request, favoured the audience with her own particular version of "Ta-ra-ra," which brought down the house and compelled an encore. Evidently this item, as rendered by this artist, is as great a favourite as ever.

A word of praise must be given to the band of the Shanghai Regiment for their admirable efforts throughout the performance. The initiation of the bagpipes was immense—far better than the real thing in evidence last night, and no praise can be too high for Mr. Vallance's ability and discrimination in conducting the orchestra.

To-night the Lyrics reappear in Piner's masterpiece "The Magistrate," and after this they take a trip to Canton until Monday, when they will make their last appearance for the present season, in Arthur Roberts' great burlesque "In Town." They will leave for Shanghai on Tuesday morning.

DOWNINGTOWER.

DUTY SING BY SIR W. R. AND THE HON. T. H. W. ON THE "EMPRESS" YESTERDAY.

When ye gang awa', Willie,
Far across the sea, laddie,
What will ye bring this Colonie—
If anything at a', laddie?
I'll bring ye a braw new yew, Tamme;
The notion is not mine, laddie;
And it shall be o' silver fine,
Wi' dragons on't, ye ken, laddie.
That's na giff awa', Willie!
I'm not inclined to can, laddie,
But th'it's a fad o' Granny Sharp;
I'll stop awa' the fa', laddie.
I'll bring ye a mairie doon, Tamme,
Fra' Yokohama town, laddie;
And a' the day she'll sing and play,
And squit upon the gown, Tamme.
Keep your mairies to yerse', Willie,
Wi' the banjo-woogie as well, laddie!
I dinna care, though they be fair,
They all may gang to—Jericho, laddie.
Will a Constitution do, Tamme?
I'll bring one down for ye, laddie.
Spend every penny by public vote,
Abolish the Government too, laddie!
I don't object to that, Willie;
I wish we could, that's fit, laddie.
Self-government is excellent—
You stick that in your hat, laddie.
My story's a lee, Tamme!
I'm pokin' fun at ye, laddie!
For no such thing I mean to bring,
There ain't no files on me, laddie.
For Crivellage is mine, Tamme,
The Mountain View is fine, laddie;
And Downing Street means bread and meat,
And all that's mine I'll stick to, Tamme.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

"ECLIPSES."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—The following Eclipse Notes may be of interest.
Notwithstanding the adverse circumstances attending the lunar eclipse on account of the very cloudy weather, the writer witnessed two important phases during a brief interval of clear sky at the times previously reduced for the longitude of the place of observation from the Greenwich place, viz.—First contact with the shadow, March 22, 9h. 2m. 23s.
Middle of Eclipse March 22, 9h. 57m. 12s.
Magnitude of the Eclipse (Moon's diameter being 1) nearly 3-lengths.
For comparison the Greenwich mean times are given:
First contact with Shadow: March 22, 1h. 25m. 42s.
Middle of Eclipse 22d. 2h. 20m. 30s.

For the benefit of the navigator, it may be stated that it is impossible to note the critical instants of the eclipse of the moon with any degree of accuracy on account of the indefiniteness of the moon's shadow; a lunar eclipse is therefore only an approximate method of deducing the longitude. By means of a solar eclipse a very accurate determination can be arrived at. As an illustration of the results attainable by these observations of eclipses of the sun, the following may be of interest:—In 1766 Captain Cook determined the longitude of Eclipse Island (one of a small group off the south coast of Newlandland) to be 57 deg. 35 min. 30 sec. W., and in 1874 the same spot by telegraphic determinations was found to be in 57 deg. 35 min. 52 sec. W., thus being deduced within 22 seconds of arc, or about a quarter of a mile.

The pleasing features attending the nearly total lunar eclipse which the writer supplied to your readers last year, were entirely wanting on this occasion. Having no time to write more at present, I therefore beg to subscribe myself
Your obedient servant,
J. A. CLARKE.

Star Hotel,
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1894.

SHANGHAI NOTES.

Shanghai, 17th March, 1894.

Mr. W. V. Drummond has received his appointment as Crown Advocate.
Mr. H. S. Wilkinson, the new Acting Judge of H.M.'s Supreme Court, Japan, leaves for Yokohama this morning by the *Yokohama Maru*.
The steamer *Suef* reports the Japanese gunboat *Adagi* arrived at Hankow on the 12th instant and went over to Wuchang and anchored. The *Narutaka*, while coming up the river yesterday, ran ashore near Woosung while trying to avoid some junk. It was expected she would get off on the next tide.
The *Chiao*, outward bound, grounded near the Woosung Creek on the Pootung side at about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, but was expected to float off with the evening tide.
The "jubilee" medals have now been issued. They are very handsomely designed, but some

of the recipients think the Municipal Council ought to have attached a ribbon and bar to them. The U.S.S. *Monocacy*, as soon as she has finished taking in stores, is to proceed on her voyage, sailing the various ports as far as Hankow. She will probably sail on Monday.
To-day being the anniversary of the official worship to Confucius, all the civil and military officials of the native city will assemble at the Temple of Literature in the city to sacrifice an ox, goats, sheep, and various kinds of game at the altar of the Great Sage.—*N. C. Daily News*.

The oil-tank steamer *Tex* arrived outside Woosung this afternoon. She is so deeply laden that there is no chance of her getting across the bar until she has been relieved of some of her cargo, so the struggle with the Chinese authorities is, we believe, no further advanced than it was yesterday.

The native papers to-day say that the villagers on the Pootung side have presented a fresh petition to the local authorities against the krowse tanks. The Tantai, the Chohalen, and a crowd of smaller official fry accordingly proceeded to the Pootung side yesterday and afterwards convened a meeting with what the native papers say were the "local gentry," to discuss the situation generally and make things lively for the tank "devils" in particular.

A couple of fatalities have recently occurred at the Canton Cloth Mill building, at present in course of erection. On Wednesday two of the builder's coolies quarrelled and one struck the other a blow on the head with a bamboo, killing him instantly. The man who struck the blow is now in the hands of the officials. Next day a young workman, while engaged on the roof of one of the three-storyed buildings, missed his footing, and falling on a heap of bricks, smashed himself up so badly that he died immediately.—*Mercury*.

A TELEGRAPHIC NOVEL.

Those critics who most unfairly tax our novelists with dullness are surely doing so with small justification, for, if briefly indeed be the soul of wit, our modern writers of fiction are most diligently striving to be witty. We are passing with surprising quickness from the three-volume novel to the single-volume tale, and from the latter to the "short story," which shows signs of thinking. This is as it should be, since nobody in these days has either time or inclination for wading through the bulky romances which pleased our ancestors, and brevity is the virtue in fiction that we prize above all others. The only cause for complaint at present is that this process of condensation has not been carried sufficiently far. We have much pleasure, therefore, in bringing before the public our recently-published *Telegraphic Novel*, which will soon supersede all others. The brand has only to be tried once to be used in every household.

There are several varieties; we may begin with the simplest. In each case the novel writer will no longer have to lessen his scanty income by the purchase of reams of foolscap. All that will be necessary for him will be a stock of blank telegraph forms, to be obtained gratuitously at the nearest post office. On each of these, with a little practice, he will be able to write a complete novel. Here, for instance, is an old-fashioned romance in telegraphic form:

"Earl dead. Edwin disinherited. Godfrey takes money. Woos Angeline. Unhand me, Sir! rejected. Real will found. Edwin true hearted. Marries Angeline. Godfrey forged. Prison. Joy!" Only 25 words, observe, but the entire tale is there, divested of all that superfluous padding which is so justly disliked in these days. It is indeed not a little surprising that this development of fiction should not have been made before. It has long been recognized that under the old system of verbose literature it was impossible for the writer to maintain a high level of excellence throughout his work, and accordingly we have been given small volumes which such as "Gems from Goethe's Elton," "Diamonds from Dickens," and the like. But when the telegraphic novel comes into general use we shall obtain only the cream of each author's work, so there will be no space or occasion for the less excellent passages; we shall get only the gems, without having to search for them through vast tracts of inferior writing. There is indeed no reason why the works of our older writers should not be republished on this admirable plan. "Pocket-editions" are very well in their way, but, after all, they give only a spurious appearance of brevity. How much better will be a telegraphic edition of the best authors, by which we should be able to obtain in a few brief, pithy sentences a complete summary of "Pickwick" or "Vanity Fair." It would serve to introduce those almost forgotten works to the present generation, and it would also come as an especial boon to the Oxford man wishing to read for the latest established "English Literature Honour School." Nor is the usefulness of the system limited to these old-world stories. The following is quite ally and modern:

"Admiral gone on Dolly. Stonybrook. Dolly's governor best be. Take too to 3 Bellport. Wins; chuck her up! Rake in hoof. Old gnat climbs down. Double harness to-morrow. Ripping!" We are not vain, and do not wish to boast, but with the greatest possible modesty we claim that for pure, concentrated, undiluted idiosyncrasy this sample will be found difficult to beat, and it is entirely composed in the language that has lately become so popular with novel readers. Arrangements have already been made with some of the foremost writers of the day to supply telegraphic stories. The intelligent reader will have no difficulty in recognizing the authorship of the following:

"Heather, sunsets, lochs, salmon; Highland lass, Englishman, yacht. Flirtation, wedding." Not even suspense need bang for this tale, which is all contained in ten words, leaving two over for the preface and the index. And yet none of the local colour is lost. Only the superfluous descriptions of the sky and the irritating conversations in Gaelic are omitted, while, for those who like it, "Was you ferry well?" can be added as an additional twopenny. The next specimen comes from a writer whose style already had telegraphic symptoms about it, and for whom, therefore, our system will be an especial godsend:

"Mulroney on considerable bend. Row, natives. Blooming civilian saint appears. Harmony, tobacco. But Learoyd! Otherstory." Once more, we repeat, what could be more satisfactory? There you have the crisp marked individuality of style, "with no added ingredients like the advertised cocoa." The system will be an immense boon to readers, as few of us can find time to read all the novels published in their present form, while for the future we shall be able thoroughly to master about sixty stories an hour. Immense, too, will be the gain to writers, for they will be remunerated at an increased rate—for their readers will become far more numerous—while what was formerly the labour of months will now be accomplished within a few minutes; every novelist will consequently enjoy a princely income, and the best of the telegraphic novel which will appeal chiefly to those who like rather longer works, with plenty of dialogue. The author will take his post office forms, as before, but in this case each of them will contain a chapter of his work, and will be a delicious message sent by one of his characters to another.

Here, for instance, is a complete romance written on this system, in which it will be observed, the personal as well as the psychological portions are all the more vividly rendered by condensation. As a great critic puts it, "It is what he omits shows me the master in style."

I.
From Fitzwilliam Plantagenet, Brighton, to Clara Vere de Vere, Park-lane.
"Swear eternal devotion, sincerest love. Face life together? Reply said."

II.
From Clara Vere de Vere, Park-lane, to Fitzwilliam Plantagenet, Brighton.
"Cannot be done. Rich rival, Algernon Midas. Farewell for ever!"

III.
From Fitzwilliam Plantagenet, Brighton, to Algernon Midas, Manchester.
"Pistols or swords?"

IV.
From Algernon Midas, Manchester, to Fitzwilliam Plantagenet, Brighton.
"Pistols."

V.
From Fitzwilliam Plantagenet, Brighton, to Clara Vere de Vere, Park-lane.
"Shot Midas to-day. Meet St. George's Hanover-square, eleven o'clock Thursday."

Justly indeed will the reviewer, no longer merrily the wonted epithet of "faded," praise the terse, strong, melo-dramatic interest which breathes in every syllable of such a story as this. Gaily will the general reader forsake the shortest of modern short stories for the telegraphic novel, and right gladly will editors welcome the introduction of a system whereby life will lose its terrors for them, since a few telegraphic forms will replace bulky rolls of MS. And we may conclude with a modest hope that when all other forms of fiction, as they inevitably must be, have been superseded for ever by the telegraphic novel, the inventors of this remarkable and magnificent scheme may not go forgotten and unwarded.—*Globe*.

SKIRT DANCING.

The popular dancer, or rather artist, who does the "rainbow act," the "split" or the latest French solo in the telegraphic novel is a complex piece of machinery which requires a great deal of care. She has to be slick up and rubbed down, plastered over and heated to the proper temperature and then cooled off again until the human principles on which she was originally constructed are entirely lost sight of.

Even the vigorous constitutional and scientific training of the champion pugilist fail to convey any idea of the physical education that the average skirt dancer gets. First of all, she has to acquire an almost abnormal development of muscular organization in order to do the laborious dancing that constitutes her share in entertaining and edifying the public.

The skirt dancer has most of the ills to which flesh is heir to combat with, says the *New York Recorder*. Perhaps the most common of the fatal ailments and ailments is a general derangement of the breathing apparatus. Any comfortably situated person who views her spasmodic action from the audience can realize why the writhing, gasping, convulsive celebrity should be the most short-lived creature on earth. It seems a marvel that some of her chorists do not die and the whole tension suddenly gives way and let her down into a realistic heap in the middle of the stage.

But to get a comprehensive view of her in the collapse, and she does collapse—it is necessary to take a peep behind the curtain. At the ecstatic moment, when the audience sees the last bow, the farewell wave of the hand, her retreating convulsion of the hip joint—at that same moment the over-exerted, breathless and panting artist falls exhausted into the arms of a faithful attendant, who bears her gently away to a bottle of brandy and one of home liniment flavored with turpentine.

It is when the skirt dancer reaches the section of her act, however, that the most interesting part of the performance begins. Electrocution is one of her favorite modes of treatment, but she naturally eats something before she starts up her battery. Eating and drinking are prohibited by her code of digestive ethics, both before and between dances, for obvious reasons.

When the embargo is raised and the curtain goes down, the hungry celebrity repairs to the nearest hotel or *table d'hôte* restaurant and there follows the privileges that nature has endowed with. If all this occurs after a meal, the dancer is in a state of collapse, and the duration of which is in inverse ratio to the amount of ice cream and water-melon she has eaten.

When she wakes up again, with her head cleared and her waiting-liners repaired, there are interesting baths, massages and applications of electricity.

There is a noticeable something about the over-stimulation to which the skirt dancer is subjected that makes this grade of telegraphic temperament an interesting psychological study. The nervous and enterprising high kick invariably leads to a nervous condition; that is strong many degrees higher than that of the well-behaved and orderly young woman. She is irritable, hysterical, spasmodic, fretful, and has an overwrought sensibility and tempestuousness of emotional capability that make her vicinity a dangerous one to all but the initiated.

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A \$1,000 arm chair.
Microbe incubators.
A \$1,500 music box.
A 75-pound salmon.
A \$300 Panama hat.
A \$2,500 glass dress.
A pole 215 feet high.
A 45-foot-high clock.
Electrical engraving.
John Wesley's clock.
A \$500 real outer skin.
Lace at \$1,000 a yard.
A cape worth \$17,500.
A 107-ton locomotive.
A buffalo in alabaster.
A palace built of corn.
A 60-ton block of iron.
A spun-glass umbrella.
A plate valued at \$167.
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A steam mocking bird.
The *Mayflower's* bible.
Footgear of 1,500 sorts.
A bureau 150 years old.
Diamonds worth \$1,000.
A rug worth \$25,000.
A mantle marked \$1,000.
One of Gladstone's axes.
Lantern of 500 varieties.
"Ta-ra-ra" in Egyptian.
A 150-year-old tea plant.
Tree 25 feet in diameter.
Girdle valued at \$30,000.

Grice Darling's life-belt.
A \$10,000 gold certificate.
A hand saw 222 feet long.
Horse and rider in print.
An O-ring "Liberty Bell."
Bumbo poles 70 feet long.
A steel logist worth \$2,350.
Tee worth \$175 per pound.
A \$15,000 fisheries display.
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American birds of 100 kinds.
Billiard balls worth \$80,000.
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A bicycle or flying machine.
A 10,000-pound block of salt.
Fostery exhibits of 18 States.
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An ammonia street car engine.
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A horse model costing \$5,000.
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A Spanish vase worth \$50,000.
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Bick warship costing \$80,000.
Jersey cow valued at \$15,000.
Whistles mounted as battleships.
A silver statue weighing 21 tons.
Chicken hatched by electricity.
An 8,000-napped piece of copper.
The National Capitol in flowers.
A shell costing 24,000 stitches.
An exhibit of "sweetest" persons.
A hand that dates from 100 B. C.
A chocolate tower worth \$40,000.
An lion eagle with 3,000 feathers.
A cheese weighing 20,000 pounds.
A pavilion built of packing boxes.
A group of 200,000 shells on board.
A 100-ton block of butter.
Pearl necklace valued at \$100,000.
Hump-backed whale 475 feet long.
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Vases made in the Fifteenth Century.
The Washington monument in coins.
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Clay pipe smoked by Miles Standish.
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A stained glass window worth \$5,000.
A group of windmills worth \$200,000.
A gold nugget weighing 3,000 ounces.
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A set of 20 stamps valued at \$500 each.
A fountain that squirts California wine.
Paintings executed by Queen Victoria.
A Shakespeare vase valued at \$2,500.
An elephant trunk weighing 158 pounds.
Sixty-nine engines operate the machinery.
A machine that makes 2,000 shells an hour.
A 100-ton block of butter.
A piece of lead one weighing 6,500 pounds.
A 32-ton gun, with 1,000 pound projectiles.
The lamp in the Paris wheat cost \$12,000.
A New York firm's fair exhibit is worth \$300,000.
A bit of silk once owned by Marie Antoinette.
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A named elephant hide weighing 500 pounds.
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—J. J. K., in *Philadelphia Record*.

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To-day's Advertisements.

VICTORIA LODGE
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REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held on FRIDAY, the 24th instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1894. [56]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

ON and after SATURDAY next, the 24th instant, until further notice, the WATER will be TURNED ON each day between the hours of 6 A.M. and 10 A.M. only.
By Command,
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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1894. [58]

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AND
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NOTICE is hereby given that the PETITION, SPECIFICATION and DECLARATION required by the above Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said HARRIET RUTH TRACY and JEREMIAH EVARTS TRACY, by VICTOR HOBART DEACON, their duly authorised Agent, to apply at the Sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the above-named Invention.

And Notice is also hereby given that a SITTING of the Executive Council before whom the matter of the said Petition will come for decision will be held in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of April, 1894, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

VICTOR H. DEACON,
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Dated the 22nd day of March, 1894. [384]

Intimations.

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